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Using Carboxylate-Alumoxanes

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Office Action dated July 30, 2002. In response, Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group III, request reconsideration of the claims of Group IV, and respectfully withdraw from current consideration unelected claims of Groups I and II.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 44-51 with the following. A marked-up copy of the claims showing changes made is Please cancel claims 1-38 and 60. appended hereto.

(Once Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein the carboxylate-alumoxane is the reaction product of a carboxylic acid and boehmite.

(Once Amended) The method of claim 43 wherein the carboxylate-alumoxane is the reaction product of a carboxylic acid and pseudo-boehmite.

(Once Amended) The method of claim 43 wherein the carboxylate-alumoxane is the reaction B product of two or more carboxylic acids and boehmite.

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